

Texas, has important business outside of the State demanding his personal attention,

Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the said Rice Maxey, judge as aforesaid, be and he is hereby permitted to go beyond the limits of the State of Texas for a period of sixty days, at any time from July 1st, to Oct. 1st, 1902.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution passed the House of Representatives, no vote given, and passed the Senate, no vote given.]

Approved October 2, 1901.

TURNER-FRANKLIN WEDDING—JOINT SESSION OF THE
TWO HOUSES TO ATTEND.

S. C. R. No. 5.] SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Whereas, It is the pleasure of the Legislature to accept an invitation to witness the ceremonies uniting in marriage the esteemed and worthy Senator, Hon. D. McNeil Turner, and his most estimable and accomplished companion, Mrs. S. M. Franklin, Postmistress of the House, and,

Whereas, It is the sense of the members of each house to extend to them our best wishes, and lasting regards by expressing the same in an orderly way; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: That a joint session of both houses be held on next Tuesday, at 12 o'clock for the purpose above named.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution passed the Senate, no vote given, and passed the House of Representatives, no vote given.]

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF.

S. J. R. No. 1.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To provide for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the various departments of the State government during vacation and to report to the Governor and the next Legislature such data as may be gathered by them, and to make such recommendations as they see proper, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of such committee.

SECTION 1. Whereas, It is essential to the proper conduct of government that uniformity of service with commensurate pay should be had in all the State departments to the end that efficiency may be fairly awarded, and favoritism suppressed; and,

Whereas, The constantly increasing cost of the government demands a rigid investigation of the method of expending the public money in the different institutions and departments to the end that the Legislature

and the executive may be fully informed as to where expenditures may be curtailed and efficiency promoted; and,

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Texas clearly implies that all positions of trust and emolument in this State should be created by, and compensation fixed by, legislative enactment, and to that end that so far as it is practicable civil service reform may be had in our several departments and institutions, thereby securing to the State the maximum of efficiency in results, together with the now generally expressed belief that irregularity prevails in the management of many of said institutions.

SEC. 2. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a joint committee of five, to be composed of two Senators and three members of the House of Representatives be appointed by the presiding officers of the two houses respectively. Said committee shall be authorized to act during vacation, and shall have the power to send for persons and papers, administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. Said committee shall have the power, and it is hereby made its duty to visit and thoroughly investigate each and every department and institution which is or may be in any way or manner connected with the State either by the Constitution, statute or contract, and to this end said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to examine books and papers, administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses to testify relative to all matters pertaining to the affairs of State within the scope of their power, now granted; provided, that said committee shall have the power and authority to punish for contempt any person who fails to attend its sessions after summons, duly served, or to answer questions after their appearance, and the authority of such committee to punish shall be the same as now given by law to the district judges in this State. Said committee shall have authority to employ such service as in its discretion may be regarded as essential to the speedy carrying into effect this resolution; provided, that not more than one stenographer shall be employed at one time by said committee, unless said committee work in sections, and in that case one stenographer to each section, each of whom shall be an expert stenographer and typewriter. The committee herein provided for will make a report in full of its findings of facts, recommendations and conclusions, together with the original testimony of witnesses, as provided for in this resolution.

SEC. 3. Said committee shall be convened at the call of the chairman, who shall be chosen by a majority of said joint committee; or said call may be had by a majority of said committee making a written request of said chairman, whereupon it shall become his duty to make such call. As compensation for services rendered, said members of said joint committee shall be paid five dollars (\$5) per day for actual services, and two dollars (\$2) per day for each day after the first sixty days, and such necessary expenses, not including board and lodging, as are actually incurred, and the itemized account of such members filed under oath, properly approved by the chairman of such committee, with the Comptroller, shall be sufficient authority for him to draw his warrant against the Treasurer for the amount so due.

SEC. 4. Said committee may in its discretion, sit as a whole or in sections for the purpose of investigation; provided, however, that all findings, recommendations and conclusions shall emanate from the committee sitting as a whole.

SEC. 5. The work of the committee provided for in this resolution shall not exceed one hundred and twenty days.

SEC. 6. All witnesses not in the employ of the State, appearing before said committee or any section thereof, shall be entitled and shall receive for such attendance and service the fees and per diem provided by law for witnesses in felony cases, and their account for such service approved by chairman of said committee shall be sufficient authority for the Comptroller to issue his warrant therefor.

SEC. 7. That the sum of ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any monies which may be in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

SEC. 8. Said committee shall have authority to select a person when needed to act in summoning witnesses and to execute all processes, and such person so chosen shall have the same authority as is given peace officers and he shall receive the same compensation as is now allowed sheriffs in the performance of similar duties.

SEC. 9. The near approach of the close of this session and the supreme importance to the people of the investigation herein provided for, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills and joint resolutions to be read on three several days in each house, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so resolved.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution passed the Senate by two-thirds vote, yeas 28, nays 0, and passed the House of Representatives with amendments, no vote given; Senate concurred in House amendments by two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 3.]

Approved October 21, 1901.

Takes effect 90 days after adjournment.

S. C. R. No. 7.]

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: That in case of the appointment of a committee provided for in Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, known as the committee to investigate the various institutions of the State, that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is hereby instructed to set aside the Finance Committee Room of the Senate together with a sufficient amount of stationery for their use and benefit in pursuing and completing their work.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution passed the Senate, no vote given, and passed the House of Representatives, no vote given.]

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